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BRUSSELS: EMBASSY FOR ACTION, USEC FOR INFO

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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES: CONSULTATIONS

IN WASHINGTON

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 5851, B) BUENOS AIRES 5850

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO DELIVER TO HOST GOVERNMENTS INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1978. THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO CONCENTRATE ON KEY ISSUES WHICH WERE NOT RESOLVED OR FULLY CONSIDERED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SECOND SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES WHICH RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN BUENOS AIRES (REFTELS). END SUMMARY.

2. SECOND SESSION OF THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING (SCM) ON ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES, HELD IN BUENOS AIRES, JULY 17-28, RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE CONSERVATION ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES. THE MEETING, HOWEVER, DID NOT ACHIEVE SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT MOVING DIRECTLY TO THE FINAL DECISIVE MEETING, WHICH IS FORESEEN TO CONCLUDE THE CONVENTION. SPECIFICALLY,

NECESSARY UNDERSTANDINGS WERE NOT REACHED ON KEY ARTICLES ON SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION, ON DECISION-MAKING AND RELATED ISSUES. NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE KEY ARTICLES IN
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BUENOS AIRES WERE CENTERED IN AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP.

3. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SCM IN BUENOS AIRES, THERE WAS WIDESPREAD SENTIMENT THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WERE NECESSARY PRIOR TO THE DECISIVE MEETING, AND SPECIFICALLY CONSULTATIONS ALONG THE LINES OF THOSE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP. IN THAT SITUATION THE U.S. DELEGATION INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ARRANGE FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON IN MID-SEPTEMBER (JUST AFTER THE LOS CONFERENCE). OFFER ESSENTIALLY CONSISTED IN U.S. PREPAREDNESS TO SECURE NECESSARY MEETING ROOM AND SECRETARIAL SERVICES, BUT WITHOUT SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION OR OTHER CONFERENCE SERVICES.

4. CONFERENCE ROOM (WITH CAPACITY OF APPROXIMATELY 40 INDIVIDUALS) HAS BEEN RESERVED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 18-29. ORIGINAL IDEA HAD BEEN TO HOLD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS FOR ONE WEEK IN WASHINGTON, BUT THERE WAS SOME FEELING THAT TWO WEEKS MIGHT BE NECESSARY. TO COVER LATTER POSSIBILITY, ROOM HAS BEEN RESERVED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

5. ACTION ADDRESSEES THEREFORE ARE REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TEXT OF NOTE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 6 BELOW CONVEYING INVITATION TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

6. BEGIN TEXT (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) ... AND HAS THE HONOR TO CONVEY THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TO PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1978.

-- THE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON WILL BE CONVENED PURSUANT TO THE VIEW, EXPRESSED IN THE REPORT OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECOND SESSION OF SECOND SPECIAL ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES, THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ARE DESIRABLE. THE WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS SHALL BE GUIDED BY THE AGENDA OF THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING AND SHALL CONSIDER, AS APPROPRIATE, THE SECOND REVISION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES AND THE OTHER DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED AT THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING. IN PARTICULAR THE CONSULTATIONS WILL ADDRESS THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT RELATING TO JURIDICAL QUESTIONS AND TO

DECISION MAKING.

-- THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO STRESS THE INFORMAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS AND NOTES THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE FULL CONFERENCE SERVICES INCLUDING SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION. AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO ACHIEVEMENT BY THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES OF THEIR GOAL OF CONCLUDING IN 1978 THE DEFINITIVE REGIME FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES. IN LIGHT OF THIS IMPORTANCE, FACILITIES FOR THE CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FROM SEPTEMBER 18 TO SEPTEMBER 22, 1978, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR AVAILABILITY BEING EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29, 1978 IF NECESSARY.

-- (COMPLEMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXT.

7. IN DELIVERING THE ABOVE NOTE, EMBASSIES SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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-- THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS SUCH AS THOSE WE HAVE PROPOSED WILL BE DETERMINATIVE OF THE ABILITY OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES TO MOVE IN TIMELY FASHION TO THE FINAL DECISIVE MEETING;

-- THE U.S. WOULD ENVISAGE THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS AS PROCEEDING IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP WHICH MET IN BUENOS AIRES;

-- THE TIMING OF THE CONSULTATIONS HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO COINCIDE WITH THE PRESENCE IN THE U.S. OF A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS, EITHER AT THE LOS CONFERENCE OR AT THE MEETING OF EXPERTS ON ANTARCTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BOTH OF WHICH END ON SEPTEMBER 15;

-- THE CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE;

-- THE MEETING ROOM RESERVED WILL HOLD AT MOST APPROXIMATELY 40 (FOURTY) PERSONS. THEREFORE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT DELEGATIONS WOULD NOT NORMALLY EXCEED 2 (TWO) PERSONS;

-- WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON WHO WILL REPRESENT HOST GOVERNMENT AT THE CONSULTATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

-- WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON THE

VENUE AND SCHEDULING OF THE CONSULTATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

8. FOR ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES: GIVEN SHORT LEAD TIME FOR THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS AND FACT THAT MANY PLAYERS WILL SHORTLY BE LEAVING FOR LOS CONFERENCE, EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO DELIVER INVITATIONS TO HOST GOVERNMENT BY AUGUST 11. FOR SELECTED POSTS NOTED IN PARAGRAPHS
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9 TO 17 BELOW WE WISH TO ENSURE THAT COPY OF THE INVITATION IS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS, (IN ADDITION TO DELIVERING IT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS).

9. FOR BUENOS AIRES: PLEASE ENSURE THAT COPY OF INVITATION IS DELIVERED TO MINISTER OLIVERI LOPEZ, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF ANTARCTICA AND MALVINAS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN

AFFAIRS.

10. FOR BRUSSELS: PLEASE ENSURE THAT COPY OF INVITATION IS DELIVERED TO MINISTER ALFRED VAN DER ESSEN, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

11. FOR CANBERRA: PLEASE ENSURE THAT COPY OF INVITATION IS DELIVERED TO MICHAEL MCKEOWN, INTERNATIONAL LEGAL BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

12. FOR LONDON: PLEASE ENSURE THAT COPY OF INVITATION IS DELIVERED TO DR. JOHN HEAP, POLAR REGIONS SECTION, FCO.

13. FOR MOSCOW: PLEASE ENSURE THAT COPY OF INVITATION IS DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR O. N. KHLESTOV, HEAD OF TREATIES AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TO DR. V. V. GOLITSIN OF THE SAME DEPARTMENT.

14. FOR OSLO: PLEASE ENSURE THAT COPY OF INVITATION IS DELIVERED TO PER TRESSELT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

15. FOR PRETORIA: PLEASE ENSURE THAT COPY OF INVITATION IS DELIVERED TO PETER OELOFSEN, SENIOR LAW ADVISER, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. OELOFSEN HEADED INFORMAL WORKING GROUP IN BUENOS AIRES AND EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY CONFIDENTIAL

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TO HIM OUR HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.

16. FOR TOKYO: PLEASE ENSURE THAT COPY OF INVITATION IS DELIVERED TO TAKEO IGUCHI, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

17. FOR USUN: PLEASE CONTACT AMBASSADOR FERNANDO

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